

### REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Winsky et al. (USP 5,774,109) in view of Blumenthal (USP 6,026,409) and further in view of Screen Dumps of Microsoft Word ("MS Word").

Applicants have amended claims 1, 5, and 6 and added claims 10-13. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of these amendments and the following remarks.

None of the references, separately or combined, teach or suggest a show-me operation. A show-me operation is an operation that scrolls a document and during scrolling, displays a visual reference mark that visually tracks the movement of a user-selected location within the document, thereby enabling the user to more easily find the selected location once the scrolling stops. As recited in claim 1, the show-me operation requires performing three steps, all of which are performed without further user input (apart from the initial user input requesting the show-me operation and selecting the location in the document.) These three steps include (1) displaying a visual reference mark at the selected location; then (2) smoothly scrolling the document toward a target location in the pane, at a rate that allows the user to follow the movement of the document and the reference mark in the pane, and automatically stopping the scrolling when the selected location and the reference mark are at the target location in the pane; and then (3) removing the visual reference mark from the selected location in the document.

The primary reference, Winsky, shows scrolling but does not show visually tracking the movement of a user-selected location during the scrolling. Neither Blumenthal nor MS Word makes up for the deficiencies of Winsky because neither reference addresses scrolling, much less the recited scrolling with visual tracking.

Furthermore, to formulate this rejection, the examiner has pieced together several different mechanisms without providing any motivation for combining them. For example, for the step of receiving user input selecting a location in the document, the examiner cites to a bookmark mechanism and also to an animation display mechanism (Office Action, page 2). Then, for the step of displaying a visual reference mark at the selected location, the examiner

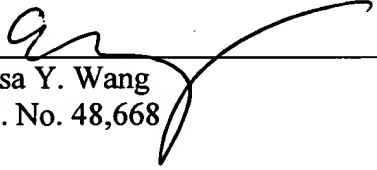
cites to a progress gauge mechanism (Office Action, pages 2-3). Then, for the step of smoothly scrolling the document and stopping the scrolling when the selected location reaches a target location in the pane, the examiner cites to a prior screen return mechanism and also to a pause scrolling mechanism (Office Action, page 3).

Each of these mechanisms has a separate function and purpose independent of the function and purpose of any of the other mechanisms. The examiner has failed to provide any motivation for using these mechanisms in concert for any purpose, much less for the recited purpose of performing a show-me operation. Moreover, even if combined, these mechanisms would not perform a show-me operation because none of these mechanisms allow display of a visual reference mark that tracks the movement of a user-selected location within the document being scrolled.

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